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MANCHESTER COMPANY RECIPIENTS OF THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Hartford, Conn. – **E. A. Patten Company** was established in 1945. It is a privately owned, strong and stable company that is determined to exceed its customers' expectations in all aspects of the business.

This manufacturing firm has served the aerospace, medical and commercial marketplaces for almost 60 years. Through lean manufacturing, technology advances, employee development and the courage to test new waters, this company has consistently been able to offer highly competitive pricing while meeting "Just in Time" requirements like no other. In addition to meeting all product demands, E. A. Patten maintains a highly skilled core of engineers who provide technical assistance and collaborate on new products, often to significant costs savings to their customers.

Pratt & Whitney (P&W), one of the company's customers, finds the company and its products and services unparalleled in many respects. The firm's service to P&W has in turn enabled P&W to better serve their customers worldwide, preventing work-stop conditions; the company continually diversifies its product lines; the company always delivers on its promises; the employees are highly valued by the company, as reflected by their pay levels, benefits packages, employee diversity and on-going cross training and employee development.

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These reasons and more led to this firm being nominated for and selected as the Subcontractor of the Year in 2005 for the New England region by the U.S. Small Business Administration. E. A. Patten Company is located in Manchester, Connecticut, and was nominated by Pratt & Whitney.

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